

corageous actions, and recognize and thank him for the sacrifices both he and his family have made in the name justice. He is a hero to people of conscience everywhere.

THE ASSASSINATION OF SLAVKO CURUVIJA

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Serbia lost a courageous citizen—one committed to an open society, to a free press, to reporting the truth. Slavko Curuvija was gunned down in front of his Belgrade apartment on Sunday by two men, dressed in black with black face masks. Branka Prpa, who was with him at the time, said that the murderers were certainly professionals. I extend my deepest condolences to her and to all of Slavko's family and friends.

Slavko Curuvija was editor of the independent Serbian newspaper, The Daily Telegraph, as well as the news magazine called The European. Though he had ties with Serbia's establishment, this last year he sought his own independent course, and became a leading critic of the Milosevic regime.

Mr. Speaker, last December Slavko Curuvija testified before the Helsinki Commission which I chair. In his testimony, he said:

I come from a country where there is no rule of law . . . By making an example out of me, the regime sends a message to all who would oppose it, intimidating and bullying all the independent media in the process . . . The crackdown on my publications and other media organizations has jeopardized the right to free speech in Serbia. The crackdown on the universities jeopardizes another basic human right, freedom of thought. Belgrade University has been deprived of autonomy, its professors have been sacked for failing to sign loyalty oaths, its students jailed for protecting . . . After all his other wars, Slobodan Milosevic appears to be preparing to wage war against his own people in Serbia and Montenegro.

More recently, on March 8, Slavko Curuvija, was sentenced along with two of his journalists to five months in prison by a Belgrade court for "spreading false reports with an intention to endanger public order," dictator-speak for telling the truth. The three remained free on appeal. When Milosevic used NATO's action against his forces as an excuse to eliminate any remaining independent media, Curuvija chose to shut down operations rather than succumb to state censorship. A week ago, according to today's Washington Post, a pro-regime newspaper accused Curuvija of supporting NATO bombing and said that "people like him" will neither be "forgiven nor forgotten."

People like Slavko Curuvija, who act upon their rights and freedoms and promote the protection of those rights, have fought for what is best for their country. Their patriotism is expressed in their opposition to a regime which does not want any independent voice, nor criticism. They see that Serbia only has a future if it becomes a democracy.

I ask the people of Serbia, and Serbs in this country and around the world, to think hard

about what has just happened. If this Milosevic regime is willing to do this to an independent thinker in Belgrade, a Serb, why is it not possible that this same regime can be responsible for the genocides in Bosnia and now in Kosovo? Is it worth rallying around Milosevic, who is President of Yugoslavia only through ruthlessly undemocratic means and who brought this upon Serbia? Can't you see that Milosevic, not Curuvija, wants Serbia to be bombed, because he believes this will enhance his power and somehow justify getting rid of those who advocate freedom? I ask the people of Serbia to take a close look around you. Who has isolated you from a Europe more free and united than ever before? Who has caused your living conditions to be so much less than they had been, or could be? The answer should be clear—Slobodan Milosevic. You must no longer allow his propaganda to succeed in convincing you otherwise.

Mr. Speaker, while we may have differences regarding what the U.S. role should be in stopping the genocide in Kosovo, we should be able to agree on one central point: Slobodan Milosevic is the problem, and he must account for his crimes. In my view, the cold-blooded murder of an independent journalist, Slavko Curuvija, is the latest crime to add to the list.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 1999, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 14

- 9 a.m.
Judiciary
Immigration Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the Kosovo Refugee Crisis.
SD-226
- 9:30 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings on education research.
SD-628
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the published scandals plaguing the Olympics.
SD-106

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold closed oversight hearings to examine damage to the national security from Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories.

SH-219

Armed Services

Strategic Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on strategic nuclear forces and policy and the future years defense program.

SR-222

Governmental Affairs

To resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act.

SH-216

YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

To hold hearings on Federal Government Y2K preparedness.

SD-138

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

SD-124

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold oversight hearings on restructuring and reform of the internal revenue service.

SD-215

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

International Trade and Finance Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the issues relating to the Export Control Process.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings on issues relating to the continuing crisis in Afghanistan.

SD-562

11 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ballistic missile defense.

SD-192

1:45 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of welfare reform for Indians.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the status of financial management within the Department of Defense.

SR-222

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

Judiciary

Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights Subcommittee

Business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

SD-226

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APRIL 15

9:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century. SD-406

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on S. 501, to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska; and S.744, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska. SD-366

Appropriations
Treasury and General Government Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Treasury, focusing on law enforcement bureaus. SD-192

Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs. SD-138

Appropriations
Interior Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. SD-124

Armed Services
To hold hearings on United States policy regarding Kosovo, and a revised strategic concept for NATO. SH-216

10 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on United States vulnerability to ballistic missile attack. SD-562

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee
To hold hearings to review the research and development budget for fiscal year 2000. SR-253

Judiciary
Business meeting to mark up S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code. SD-226

Finance
To hold hearings on issues relating to the complexity of the individual income tax. SD-215

2 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 109, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; S. 340, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to make technical corrections; S. 582, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park; S. 589, to require the Na-

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tional Park Service to undertake a study of the Loess Hills area in western Iowa to review options for the protection and interpretation of the area's natural, cultural, and historical resources; S. 591, to authorize a feasibility study for the preservation of the Loess Hills in western Iowa; and H.R. 149, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996. SD-366

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters. SH-219

APRIL 20

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; and S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas. SD-366

Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. SR-485

Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings on the nomination of George T. Frampton, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality. SD-406

10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings on S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on the nominations of Eric T. Washington, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; Stephen H. Glickman, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; and Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. SD-342

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APRIL 21

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, and for other purposes. SR-485

Armed Services
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the readiness of the United States Navy and Marines operating forces. SR-222

10 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government. SD-342

2 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to review the Memorandum of Understanding signed by multiple agencies regarding the Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration. SD-366

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control
To hold hearings on the threat of corruption to United States Law Enforcement along the Southwest border. SH-216

APRIL 22

10 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 59, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and other regulatory reform legislation. SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
International Trade and Finance Subcommittee
Economic Policy Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings on issues relating to the official dollarization in emerging-market countries. SD-538

2 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 441, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system; S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio; S. 581, to protect the Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to authorize a Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park; and S. 700, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail. SD-366

APRIL 27

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; and S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas.

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APRIL 28

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on Bureau of Indian Affairs capacity and mission.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 415, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds; and S. 607, reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

SD-366

APRIL 29

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold joint oversight hearings to review the report of the Government Accounting Office on the Everglades National Park Restoration Project.

SD-366

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold hearings on project delivery and streamlining of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

SD-406

MAY 4

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; and S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas.

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Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on Census 2000, implementation in Indian Country.

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MAY 5

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on Tribal Priority Allocations and Contract Support Costs Report.

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MAY 6

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the results of the December 1998 plebiscite on Puerto Rico.

SH-216

MAY 12

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on HUBzones implementation.

SR-485

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 614, to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands.

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SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.

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